

# FATIMA THE FAT POTAMUS TAKES THE ROAD.

Central Park Hippopotamus Becomes a Zoological Soubrette.

TO APPEAR IN CHICAGO.

Lured by Her Keepers, the Lady Is Comfortably Boxed for Railway Travel.

SORROWS OF HER SON SIRUS.

She is Exchanged for a Female Elephant and a Fine Pair of Lions. Park Officers Say the Trade Is a Good One.

Fatima, the hippopotamus, has gone from her place in the Central Park Zoo. She is on her way to Chicago, although, of course, she does not know her destination. The knowledge would make her unhappy. Superintendent Smith, of the Zoo, had too many hippopotami. There were Caliph, the father and grandfather of them all, and Mrs. Murphy, Caliph's spouse, and Fatima, she of the gazelle-like figure, and Sirus, Fatima's baby. These hippopotami were simply eating the Zoo out of house and home. So Mr. Smith traded off Fatima. The Ringling Brothers, who have a circus that shows in the West, gave him in exchange for her a trick female elephant, Jewel, and a fine pair of lions, male and female. Mr. Smith is sure he has very much the best of the trade. But then he had too many seen horses. It is entirely probable that Ringling Brothers are hugging themselves for joy over their bargain. In imagination they see all Chicago pouring into their tents to gaze upon Fatima, who, of course, has had the advantage of passing six years in New York.

Fatima, graceful creature, weighs 8,000 pounds. So it was one thing to agree to send her to Chicago and another thing to send her there if she did not wish to go. And, quite naturally, she wished to stay in New York. Mr. Smith had built a box of stout timber, into which Fatima would snugly fit. The box, with its mouth wide open, was placed by the hippopotamus tank, and the several keepers prodded Fatima with pitchforks to induce her to walk into the box. Fatima opened her mouth until it was bigger than the mouth of the box and protested in loud roars. She said plainer than words: "Why tear me from my family? Why separate me from my darling baby?"

Having blunted the pitchforks against Fatima's delicate skin, Mr. Smith remembered that Fatima is a female. So he coaxed her. He coaxed her with apples, which she dears. By means of the apples Fatima felt that she was following the path on which they were strewn until she found herself in the box. She promptly closed her mouth and was then locked and lashed.

Even then the worst was not over. She had to be rolled on to a truck, and every employee around the menagerie was called into service to give the lady a lift. Several pulleys, a few hundred yards of hawsers and a stout truck windlass were arranged so that the shift could be made without discomfort to Fatima.

After much tugging and hauling Fatima was finally stranded on the truck, and the final latches were put on the hawsers, which was wrapped around the box to secure it. "Billy" Snyder looked the preparations over and ordered his men to be brought out so that she would not want on the trip. Three of the keepers soon appeared with several sacks of straw and a sack of apples. A few hasty glances through the bars of the doorway over which a sack had been dropped, and "Billy" satisfied that Fatima had become reconciled, went to Superintendent Smith to get her credentials and papers of identification so that her arrival in Chicago would be free from any petty annoyances.

In a short time, and, jumping on the truck, ordered the trip to begin, waving his hand in a temporary farewell to the other animals as the caravanserai rumbled away on the bridge path on four wheels to the West Shore depot in Weehawken, where she will board a fast train to Chicago, arriving there about 8 o'clock to-night.

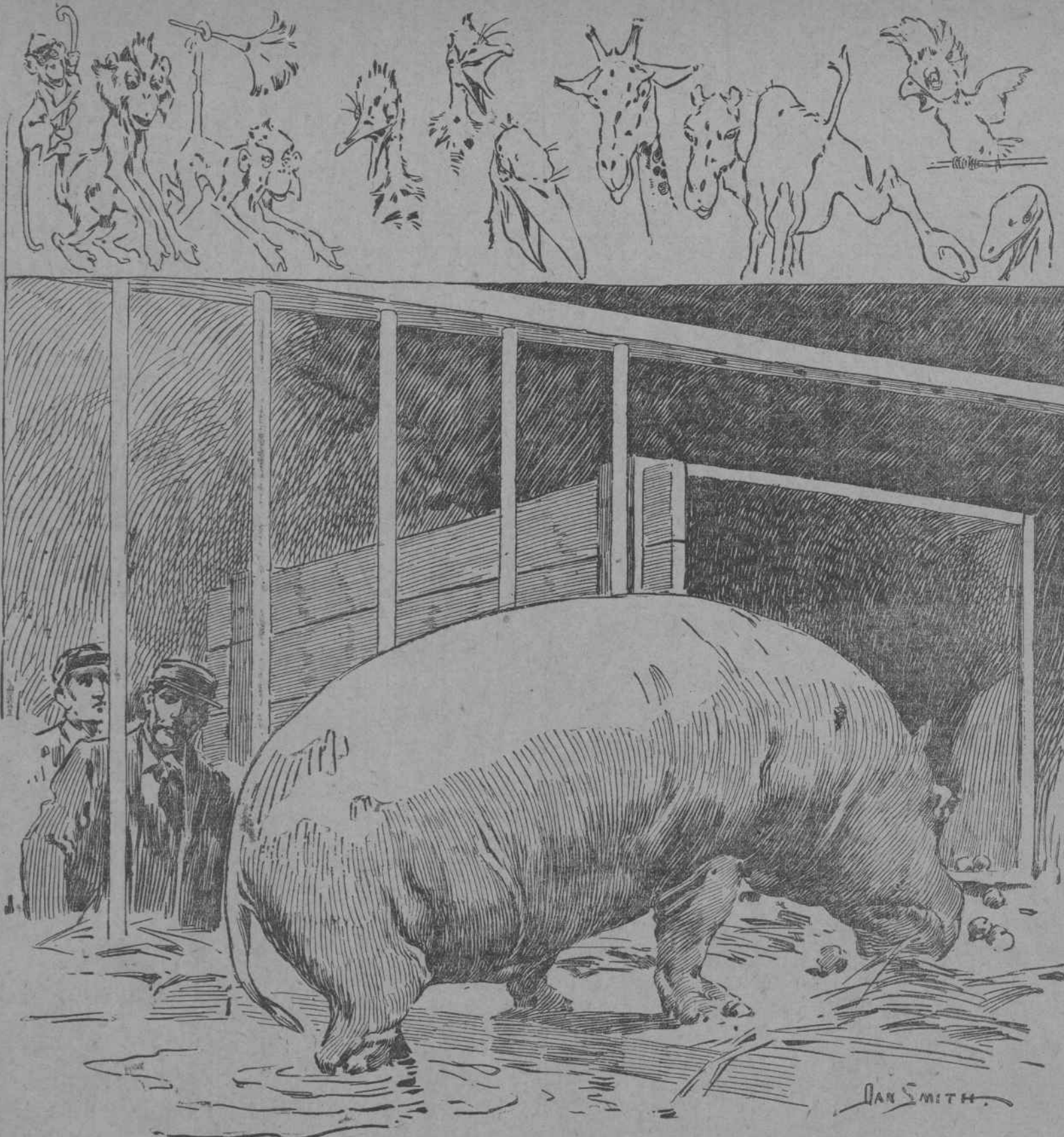
## What New York Gets.

Chicago, April 7.—Central Park Zoo will receive three valuable additions within the next two or three weeks—two handsome Nubian lions and an elephant. The Ringling circus men have owned for some time the largest male hippopotamus in the country and have longed for Fatima for his mate. The managers of the Zoo returned to part with the big beast for a money consideration, but finally agreed to trade her for an elephant and two lions. The elephant which is soon to change her quarters to the Zoo is a female of Asiatic birth and just twenty-seven years of age. Her name is Jewel, and is as elephant as one of the handsomest of her race. She is very kind in disposition and possesses no small degree of intelligence. Jewel was imported by the late Adam Forepaugh four years ago. When the Forepaugh circus disbanded in Philadelphia, after the death of Barnum's great rival, Jewel was bought with six other elephants by the Ringling Brothers, and has since been in their circus. Jewel can dance a quadrille, she can walk, she can play a hand organ, she can ring bells, she can pick pockets and do a host of other things that will help to amuse the children who go to the Zoo. Her memory is remarkable.

Three years ago when the Ringling circus first appeared at Tattersall's Jewel became a great favorite and was the recipient of much popcorn, peanuts, apples and similar delicacies. Some of these sweetmeats she ate and some she put away on a raft high above her head. When moving day came she did not have time to gather up these treasures and had to leave them behind. One year later, when the circus returned to Tattersall's, Jewel remembered her store, and no sooner had she been led into the building than she picked up a line for her old corner, threw her trunk over the railing, found her moldy popcorn and nuts and indulged in a quiet feast. Jewel has had but one sad experience in her whole history. That was in Chicago, when she was being shipped from Philadelphia to Baraboo. While being driven across the town from one freight yard to the other, Jewel and a friend named Albert started to elope. They ran for nearly three miles through the heart of the town and wound up in a lumber yard. Strange to say, not a soul was injured in their flight.

The lions are of the Nubian variety, are brother and sister, and are about four years old. Their names are "Big Rose" and "George," and they were born at Baraboo. They are as large and quite as handsome as any lions in captivity, and one of the Messrs. Ringling says they are unusually gentle and friendly.

**Sickness Closes Franklin Schools.**  
The Franklin (N. J.) public schools have been closed temporarily by Dr. George B. Philhammer, president of the Board of Health, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria and scarlet fever. Two children of Town Commissioners Max P. Kaufman and son of Health Inspector E. J. Patti have the diphtheria. Seven children in the family of J. W. Williams are now recovering from scarlet fever. In four other families the disease is prevalent.



## FATIMA AS THE MODERN EVE.

The famous hippopotamus of Central Park was lured into a trap by means of tempting apples which she greedily devoured in a big box, in which she was carried out of her New York paradise and sent on her way to Chicago. Fatima has been exchanged for Jewel, an elephant of great size and wisdom, and two lions, which will soon take their places in the Zoo.

## BRYAN AND BAILEY PURY THEIR AXES.

Presidential Candidate and Democratic Leader Eat Together.

## PEACE NOW REIGNS.

The National Capital the Place of This Joyous Meeting of the Two Men.

Washington, April 7.—William J. Bryan took dinner with Representative Joseph W. Bailey and his family at the Riggs House this evening. The leader of the party in the last campaign and the leader of the minority in the House of Representatives are open friends once more.

They are the two youngest leaders any great political party in this country ever had; only is only thirty-seven and the other thirty-three. Peace now reigns supreme, and it was "Bryan" and "Joe" all through the evening. The talk over the Spring elections warmed them up, and Mr. Bryan enjoyed himself so much that he had barely eighteen minutes left, when he arose from the table, in which to catch his train. It required a coupe and a fast horse to make the trip to the station, but Mr. Bailey found them, and stayed by his friend until he saw him safely aboard.

**Bailey Calls on Bryan.**  
Mr. Bailey returned this morning from New York, where he has been for two days, and he took the first opportunity of calling on Mr. Bryan. On his walk to the Capitol in company with T. W. Sims, of Tennessee, he stepped into the Metropolitan Hotel, where Mr. Bryan made his headquarters.

Mr. Sims did not know Mr. Bryan was stopping at the Metropolitan until Mr. Bailey said he was going to pay his respects to the leader of the party in the last campaign. Mr. Sims volunteered to go along, and he witnessed the meeting. Speaking of it to-night, he said:

"I had heard the rumors of coolness and jealousy between the two men, and I naturally expected to see some evidences of it. But on the contrary they met like old friends. The meeting took place in the hotel corridor. Mr. Bryan was at the telephone office, and as he turned he saw Mr. Bailey approaching. In a minute it was 'Joe' and 'Bryan,' and they seemed too glad to see each other not to have been in earnest. Mr. Bailey invited Mr. Bryan to lunch with him at the Capitol, and when he learned that a previous engagement claimed him, he insisted that Mr. Bryan should take dinner with him in the evening. This invitation was accepted, and Mr. Bailey and I continued our walk down the avenue."

The news of the meeting of the two gentlemen spread rapidly through the Capitol, and all of Mr. Bailey's friends were pleased. He received many congratulations, but insisted that there had never been the least coolness between Mr. Bryan and himself. Nevertheless, Mr. Bailey's colleagues are glad that he has given an open denial to the stories that have been abroad for months past.

**Attracted Attention.**  
The evening the two gentlemen arrived at the Riggs House by cable car. Both men

attracted considerable attention as they entered the corridor of the hotel. Both are smooth faced and both wear slouch hats. Though Mr. Bryan's could not compare in size to the broad brim Mr. Bailey affects.

They have been invited to meet again April 13 at the dinner to be given by the National Associated Democratic Clubs in celebration of Jefferson's birthday. Mr. Bailey, though, has declined, as he is to speak in St. Louis that day.

## DEATH OF A MILLIONAIRE.

William G. Fisher, Wholesale Dry Goods Merchant, of Denver, Dies at the Gilsey House.

William G. Fisher, the millionaire dry goods merchant, of Denver, Col., died early yesterday morning at the Gilsey House. His death was unexpected, for, although he had suffered for several years from locomotor ataxia, he told his friend, C. W. Houtz, on Tuesday that he had not felt so well in years.

Mr. Houtz, who is a buyer in Mr. Fisher's firm, had spent that day with him in the dry goods district, making extensive purchases.

Mr. Fisher retired at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. He occupied Room No. 82, and the night clerk of the hotel heard the bell of Mr. Fisher's room tinkling faintly. A hall boy was sent in answer to it and found the merchant groaning in a chair. He assisted him to bed.

Mr. Fisher feared to alarm his daughter, Miss Maud Fisher, a girl of seventeen years, so he told the boy to send for Mr. Houtz. The latter hurried to Mr. Fisher's room and found him unconscious. Ten minutes later he died.

Mr. Fisher was born in Saratoga fifty-three years ago. He was one of the pioneers of Colorado, and the only surviving member of the wholesale and retail dry goods firm of Daniels & Fisher, of Denver, the largest house of the kind between Chicago and San Francisco. Mr. Fisher leaves a widow and two children.

## DISCIPLINE HIS HOBBY.

Aged Daniel Mahoney Attempts to Improve the Police Department, and is Fined \$3.

Teaching policemen their duty gave Daniel Mahoney extreme bliss until arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Then Daniel was fined \$3 in Jefferson Market Court, and went forth to ponder over the difficulties of improving the department.

Mr. Mahoney is a retired mail roof worker, worth \$100,000, and he lives at No. 121 Ninth avenue. He is sixty-six years old, a total abstainer and affects the garb of a longshoreman. Discipline is Mr. Mahoney's hobby, and he watches all policemen warily.

Yesterday morning a woman approached Policeman Churchill at Ninth avenue and Twentieth street and asked the way to Twickenham Church. He told her the way, and when she thanked him he stepped up and reproved the officer for talking to a woman while on duty. In trying to reason with the policeman Mahoney grew frantic, then angry, and then abusive. The leader he discoursed on the duties of the police the larger grew the crowd. Then Churchill arrested him, and in court he was fined.

**Elizabeth's New Theatre Opened.**  
The new Star Theatre in Elizabeth, N. J., was opened to the public for the first time last night with "The Taming of the Shrew" as the attraction. The house was magnificently decorated for the occasion, hundreds of potted plants being scattered about the stage and boxes. The Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, owns the new playhouse, and Colonel W. M. Motion is the lessee and manager.

**Girl Stenographers in Training.**  
Seventy young women belonging to a class of stenographers of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen took possession of Part V. of the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. They were out for practice and created a sensation wherever they went. After leaving Part V. they visited several other court rooms.

## "FIVE CENT" GAS FINDS FAVOR.

The Companies' Bill Sent to the Assembly for Approval.

## CANTOR'S PLEA IGNORED.

The Senator Urged That the "Nickel-a-Year" Measure Gave No Relief.

By Julius Chambers  
Albany, N. Y., April 7.—The people's gas bill was killed in the Senate this afternoon and the bill favored by the gas companies was sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

A brief hearing will be given on the bill by the Assembly Committee to-morrow afternoon. It is likely that the Assembly Committee will agree to report the gas companies' bill, which provides for a reduction of the price of gas at the rate of a nickel a year for five years, when the price will have reached \$1.

The bill, however, does not provide for municipal supervision of the gas companies' operation or for surveillance of the delivery meters. Without restraint in these respects the gas companies do not object seriously to the passage of the bill.

Senator Cantor made a strong plea for the Cantor-Lambert bill which provides for dollar gas immediately, and also provides for municipal supervision. He called attention to the fact that country Senators had drafted the graded reduction bill, and declared that the people of New York would obtain no relief under the bill.

On Cantor's motion to substitute his bill for the makeshift measure of the committee it was lost by a vote of 12 to 31, Senators Brush and Ford, Republicans, supporting Cantor, while Senators Koehler and McGowan, Democrats, voted against him. Otherwise the division was on party lines, the Republicans voting against Cantor.

The "Nickel a Year" bill was passed by a vote of 39 to 7. Ahearn, Cullen, Featherston, Foley, Grady and Martin, Democrats, voted against the bill.

Gallagher, Guy, McGowan, McNulty and Munzinger, Democrats, with the Republicans voted for the bill, Gallagher explaining that he did so, because the measure would afford some relief.

The five cent reduction bill provides for an immediate reduction of five cents to consumers, to be followed by a yearly reduction of five cents until the price of \$1 is reached. The price to the municipality is to be reduced to \$1 next year. It is followed by yearly reductions of 2½ cents until the price of 90 cents is reached. These provisions apply to Manhattan Island only.

The Cantor-Lambert bill provided for an immediate reduction of the price of gas to \$1, and established a commission consisting of the Mayor, Comptroller and Corporation Counsel, to exercise complete supervision over gas plants, mains, meters and books. The object of this feature of the bill was to prevent the furnishing of fraudulent bills based on inaccurate meters. It is alleged that through air and water pressure meters are forced to register more than the mere gas consumed. Professor E. W. Benzie, the Journal's expert, declares the Mally five cent bill to be worthless.

**Exchange to Close on Good Friday.**  
The Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange voted yesterday to close the Exchange on Good Friday, April 10. This custom has been observed for many years.

## SPAIN WEARING OUT.

Cannot Carry on the War in the Philippines Because of a Lack of Men.

Madrid, April 7.—Reports have been received here from Manila that military operations against the Philippine insurgents are about to be suspended because of the lack of Spanish forces to continue the campaign.

Notwithstanding the statement that Spain is about to give up the contest in the Philippines, a dispatch from Manila says the Spanish troops yesterday captured San Francisco and Malabang, where the majority of the armed insurgents had sought refuge. The insurgents, it is further stated, were routed with enormous loss.

**Mrs. Cahusac Secures a Divorce.**  
London, April 7.—In the High Court of Justice today, Mrs. Mildred Cahusac was granted a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion and bigamy. An affidavit from the pastor of a German Lutheran church at Sacramento, Cal., proved that Cahusac was married in 1894 to a girl named Schwartz.

**Death of Mrs. Agnes W. Lancaster.**  
Mrs. Agnes Wilson Lancaster, wife of Edward P. Lancaster, of Syracuse, N. Y., died at No. 2808 St. Nicholas avenue, this city, yesterday morning, aged fifty-eight years. She leaves one daughter and three sons, one of whom is Frank H. Lancaster, editor of the Newswaper Maker. The body was taken to Syracuse last night for interment.

Mayor Strong believes Mr. Perry, of some Commissioner with similar qualifications, might succeed in harmonizing affairs in Mulberry street. It is understood that Commissioner Parker will urge the election of Colonel Grant to the Presidency of the new Board, and if this were accomplished without opposition by Andrews the new member might be able to get the Commissioners in the humor to vote for the promotion of the police officials who are drawing the pay of a rank lower than that in which they are serving.

Among those besides Mr. Perry who are talked of for the Commissioner are Julius Harburger, former Excelsior Canteen owner, who was legislated out of office; Thomas L. Hamilton, Subway Commissioner; General Wager Swayne, Lispenard Stewart, Clarence W. Glendon, John W. E. McGowan, Adolph H. Steele, ex-Deputy Commissioner of Public Works William Brookfield, Colonel Waring and General Collis.

The appointment may not be made for several days after Mr. Roosevelt's nomination is confirmed. In the meantime it is hoped by the Mayor that the Governor will act on the plea for the removal of Commissioner Parker.



## James W. Perry, Who Is the Favorite for Roosevelt's Place.

Mayor Strong has almost decided to give the Police Commissioner's place, which will be made vacant by the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt to the Assistant Secretaryship of the Navy, to Lawyer Perry. This would be satisfactory to both Platt and those who are hostile to the "Easy Boss." The Mayor believes that Perry might harmonize the other members of the Police Board.

## PERRY ALL BUT HAS THE PLACE.

If the Mayor Doesn't Change His Mind He Will Get Roosevelt's Berth.

BELONGS TO NO FACTION.

His Appointment Would Therefore Suit Both the Platt and Brookfield Wings.

Had Mayor Strong appointed the successor of Police Commissioner Roosevelt yesterday he would have named Lawyer James W. Perry. The rich plum is still dangling just above Mr. Perry's hands, and close friends of the Mayor regard it as almost certain that he will get it. A more daring politician than Colonel Strong would have allowed the announcement to be made yesterday, but having become timid because of past experience with Police Commissioners, the Mayor determined to take more time to think it over. In the meantime Perry's hopes, like those of many others who are aspiring to office under the present administration, may be blasted by His Honor's proneness to change his mind.

The considerations that led the Mayor to regard Mr. Perry with favor for the appointment are both personal and political. He was formerly an anti-Platt man and thereby won the esteem of the Brookfield element. Lately he has drifted into the

## TWO MAYORS WILL ACT TO-DAY.

Strong and Wurster Will Approve or Disapprove the Charter.

BOTH IN FAVOR OF IT.

But Neither Will Admit What Action He Will Finally Take.

Mayor Wurster, of Brooklyn, will take action on the Greater New York charter to-day and send the document to Albany this afternoon. There is very little doubt that his signature will be upon the paper, although he declined last night to state that fact. He has intimated it very strongly, however, to every one who has questioned him on the subject.

The Mayor said last night: "Signing the charter will not affect the main question of consolidation. The cities are united now and will begin to work under the new conditions on Jan. 1. If each works under its own charter, as it will have to do unless a new charter is adopted, the result will be chaos."

"The consolidation act itself was passed last year over the vetoes of Mayor Strong and myself. That act made consolidation while the one we are now considering simply gives us the laws under which we

## MAYOR STRONG IN NO HURRY TO MAKE A SELECTION.

I have considered many names for the Police Commissioner's place, but have made no selection, and will not do so till I receive Commissioner Roosevelt's resignation. It is possible that Mr. Roosevelt may remain in office a couple of weeks after his nomination as Assistant Secretary of the Navy is confirmed. In the meantime, I can select his successor. I have received many letters recommending men for the place, but no personal applications.

It is not true that I have agreed to allow any one to dictate the appointment of Mr. Roosevelt's successor. I have never made a trade since I came into office, and I am not going to begin now.—FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR STRONG.

ranks of the organization men, but the transition has been made without causing bitterness and with so little comment that Mr. Perry stands in favor in both factions.

A Police Commissioner with such political affiliations is just what Mayor Strong is looking for. If he should name an anti-Platt Commissioner the new man would go to the Board, facing the antagonism of Commissioners Grant and Parker. He would have Andrews on his side, of course, but there would probably be a deadlock, and it might result in the Commissioners finding it impossible to agree on the selection of one of their number to act as president.

Although the Mayor could place the responsibility for such a situation on the Board, he prefers to insure as much harmony among the Commissioners as possible by naming a man who has not the enmity of either faction. Besides, it is claimed that Mr. Perry is of just the right kind of timber for a Police Commissioner. He is forty-five years old, cool in temperament, diplomatic, not over self-assertive, but still with a mind of his own that is always active with fact. He knows enough of metropolitan life to understand how Gothamites want to be governed. He was born in Williamsburg when that part of Brooklyn was a town by itself. In 1862 his family moved to this city. He was educated at the English and Classical Academy of Providence, R. I., Brown University, and the Law School of Columbia University, from which he was graduated in 1876. He is now a member of the law firm of Knevals & Perry, of New York City.

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are to be governed. I could not by disapproving the charter prevent consolidation. We would have consolidation without any laws to govern us, for there would not be time to draft another charter. This charter contains much that would like to see changed, but it is good in the whole.

"If a commission composed of men who have been at the head of municipal government like Seth Low, Thomas F. Gilroy and Mayor Strong, and such eminent municipal lawyers as Mr. Dillon, Mr. DeWitt and General Tracy could not draw up a proper charter, where are we going to get a better one? It may have defects, but they can be remedied."

Mayor Strong positively declined yesterday to say what action he intended to take concerning the new charter bill. He said: "I will not permit even an inkling of my intention concerning it to be known. That secret must be revealed in Albany. I do not want to be accused of discourtesy to the Legislature by announcing my action before it is known to them, and I prefer not to take such a responsibility."

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## POLICE SAVE THE BAIRNS.

But for Their Timely Action Mrs. Roshaliski Might Have Burned Her Three Children to Death.

Rochester, N. Y., April 7.—Mrs. Stella Roshaliski, of No. 411 Jay street, has been committed to jail to be examined as to her mental condition. Last Monday, after having been in St. Mary's Hospital for a week, she was sent to her home. She and her husband have not lived together for some time, and on Monday night she was alone with her three children.

Mrs. Roshaliski, soon after returning Monday evening, locked herself and the children in the house and then commanded the children to go upstairs. When they reached there she made them get down on their knees and pray. The woman then appeared, dressed in a nightgown, and laid over the children's heads and threatened them with severe punishment if they dared to rise. Then she collected some clothing and put the clothes in the stove, and, placing some clothing on the floor, said she was going to set it on fire. At the same time she persisted in keeping the children on their knees and making them pray.

The lights were seen moving about the house and attracted the attention of some of the neighbors, who had previously suspected that the woman was abnormal. Fearing that she would harm the children, the neighbors called the matter to the attention of the police, and they decided to enter the house and make up their minds. They found the three children still on their knees and their mother holding a lighted candle over their heads. The clothing was piled in the center of the floor and the woman was evidently prepared to set fire to it. She endeavored to fight the officers, but was soon taken to the station house.

## LARGE SUM FOR CHARITY.

New York Institutions to Receive Part of the Fortune of Jeffries Garvie.

Southampton, April 7.—The remains of Jeffries Garvie, the wealthy American, who died here April 5, have been embalmed and will be embarked for New York on Saturday. The cause of Mr. Garvie's death was acute pneumonia.

The deceased, by the terms of his will, left large amounts of money to different charitable institutions of New York. The widow and her brother accompany the remains to the United States.

## GORDY PLEADS "NOT GUILTY."

Trial of the Alleged Murderer of Mrs. Lewis Will Begin Next Monday.

Georgetown, Del., April 7.—James M. Gordy, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Mary Lewis, was brought before the court today to plead to the indictment returned last night by the Grand Jury. It took ten minutes to read the indictment, during which time Gordy stood with his eyes closed, his right hand raised, with his elbow resting on the dock rail, and trembled like an aspen leaf.

When this trying ordeal was concluded he pleaded not guilty in a voice audible only to those who were within a few feet of him. He said he was tried by God and his country. The trial was set for Monday, April 12, and Gordy was taken back to jail.

## Railroad Man Dies Suddenly.

Philadelphia, April 7.—George Stephens, division freight agent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, dropped dead in his office here today. He was about 50 years old and had been heart failure. He leaves a widow, but no children.